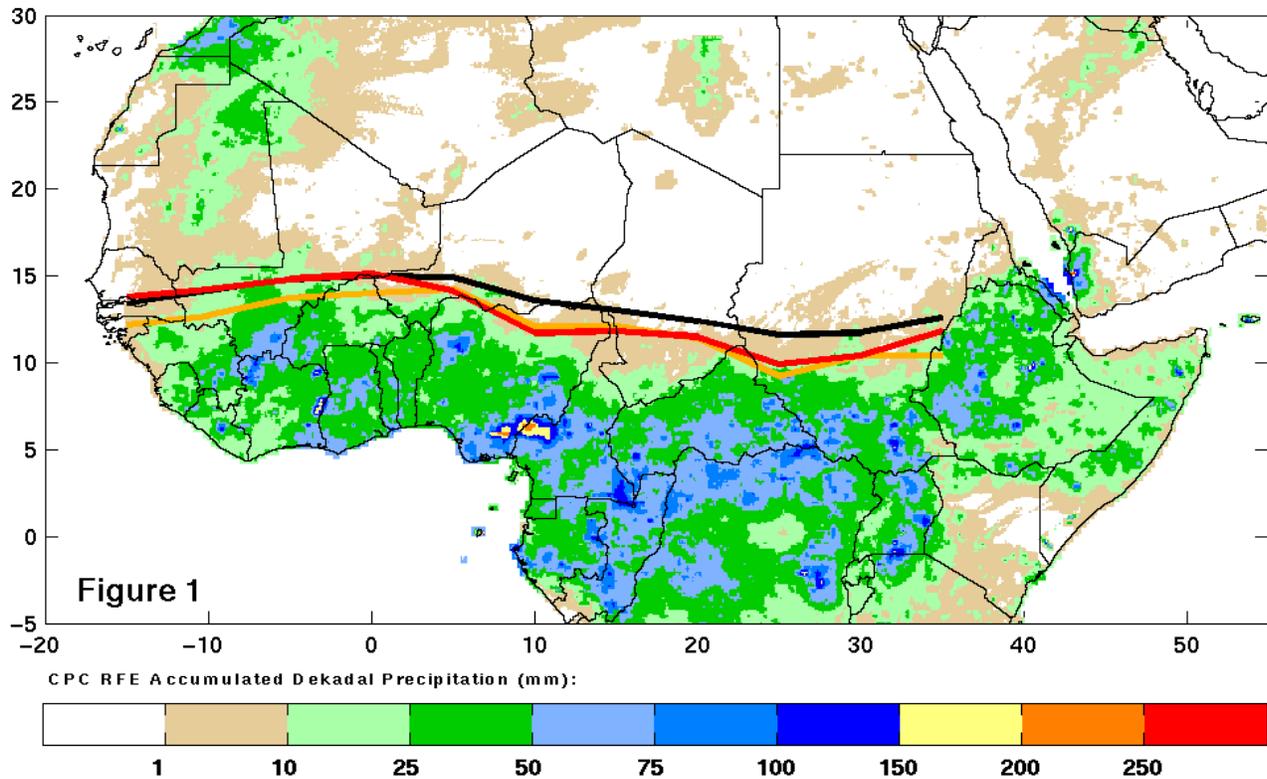
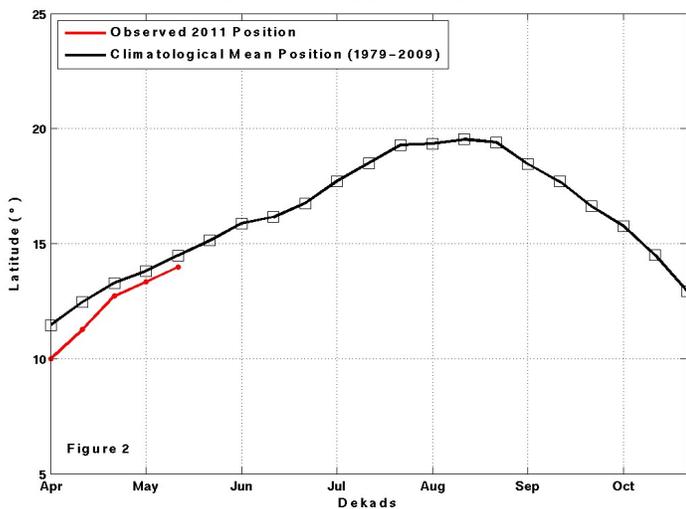


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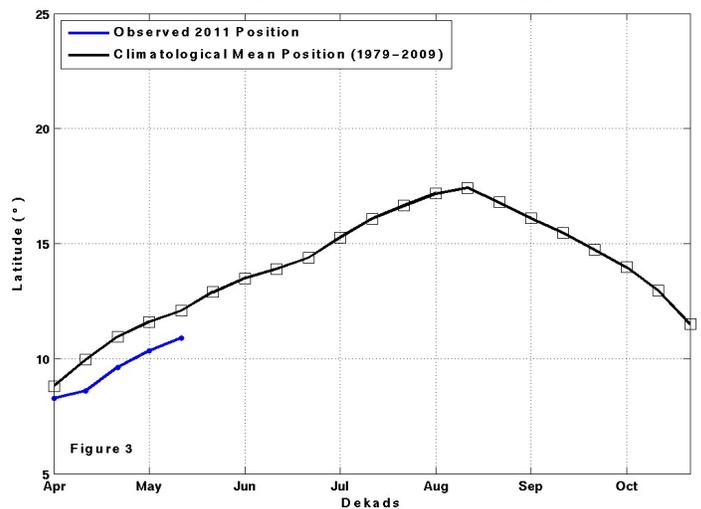


- Previous 10-Day Mean Position
- Normal 10-Day Mean Position
- Current 10-Day Mean position

Mean West Portion of ITF: Averaged 10°W to 10°E
 As of May 2011 : Dekad 2



Mean East Portion of ITF: Averaged 20°E to 36°E
 As of May 2011 : Dekad 2



From May 11-20, 2011, the western segment of the ITF continued its northward advancement and now coincides with the climatology mean position, while its eastern segment remained relatively stationary relative to its position during the previous dekad. The mean western portion of the ITF was approximated at 14.0 degrees North, while the mean eastern portion was located approximately at 10.9 degrees North. The mean eastern portion of the ITF lagged behind the climatology mean position due to strong northerlies from the Sahara and Arabia regions. Figure 1 shows the current ITF position relative to the climatology position for the second dekad of May and its previous position during the first dekad of May. Figures 2 and 3 are time series, illustrating the latitudinal means of the western and eastern portions of the ITF, respectively, and their evolutions since the start of April.